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## 400 Odd Fellows, Rebekahs Are Attending the Grand Lodge

STATE GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY IN ANNUAL SESSION  
CONVENED TUESDAY NIGHT FOR THREE DAYS' WORK;  
OPENING SESSION INTERESTING ONE.

The North Carolina Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Assembly are in session in Hendersonville.

About 300 Odd Fellows and 100 Rebekahs from all sections of the State are in attendance. The session will continue through Thursday.

The opening session was held at the court house Tuesday night. Following the opening meeting the Odd Fellows went into secret session and the Rebekahs held their secret session in the Odd Fellows hall.

Arrangements have been made for a trip over the Laurel Park Street railway to Laurel park for Wednesday afternoon.

Efforts will be made to give the visitors a good time while in Hendersonville.

The leading factors in Odd Fellow and Rebekah work in North Carolina are present and the session is expected to be an interesting one.

Wilson, Salisbury, Hickory and Asheville are said to be working for the next session of the Grand Lodge, Salisbury appearing to be mostly in evidence.

Brownlow Jackson presided over the opening session. Grand Chaplin, Rev. Z. Paris of Lincolnton, lead in prayer. Attorney J. E. Shipman delivered the address of welcome on the part of the city, declaring that except for custom such formality would be needless to extend a most cordial welcome to the visiting Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

The address of welcome on the part of the local lodge of Odd Fellows was delivered by Grand Representative M. L. Shipman, State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, who is a member of the local lodge, the place of his former residence. He said that every body welcomed the visitors and that it was his hope that this session would result in the advancement of the organizations and uplift work the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are doing.

Mrs. Hattie E. Whitaker, who was instrumental in organizing the local lodge of Rebekahs and who is a charter member of the Past Presidents International association, in extending the welcome on behalf of the local Rebekahs, reported that there are in the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge 733,011 Rebekahs, 8,780 Rebekah lodges and 56 assemblies and 2,167,055 Odd Fellows, with 52 homes belonging to the order. Mrs. Whitaker stated that in 1902 there were only four Rebekah lodges in good standing in North Carolina in North Carolina and on the first of 1903 there was only one west of Raleigh, that being at Charlotte. She said that the growth had been gratifying.

Grand Master W. F. Evans of Greenville in responding to the addresses of welcome said that he had been forced to the conclusion that mountain air was conducive to poetry and oratory and that he could imagine himself hearing the mountain peaks words of welcome of the gathering of peace loving men in Hendersonville.

Mrs. Cora C. Littleton of Wilmington on behalf of the Rebekahs of the State responded by expressing appreciation for Hendersonville's unbounded hospitality.

### Wednesday's Session.

At Wednesday morning's session of the Grand Lodge the following officers were elected:

Grand Master, Thomas L. Green of Wayneville.

Deputy Grand Master, Guy Weaver, Asheville.

Grand Warden, C. O. McMichael, Wentworth.

Grand Secretary, B. H. Woodell, Raleigh.

Grand Treasurer, Richard J. Jones, Wilmington.

Grand Representative for two years, W. F. Evans, Greenville.

Trustee for orphans' home at Goldsboro, C. D. Edwards of Raleigh, re-elected for term of five years.

Richard J. Jones, who is 93 years old, has been holding the office of grand treasurer for 60 years. His name was the only one mentioned for office and he was elected by a standing vote, followed with prayer by Grand Chaplain, Rev. Z. Paris of Lincolnton, for continued health, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung impressively.

Salisbury, Wilson and Wilmington sought the Grand Lodge for 1915 and after a spirited contest Wilson was selected as the next meeting place.

### History of Lodge Work in State.

The following bits of history from a recent issue of the Raleigh News & Observer will be of interest:

There is a peculiar interest in the meeting of the Grand Lodge this year as the meeting will be a Triple Anniversary Celebration. The features to be commemorated are the ninety-sixth anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the sixtieth anniversary of the election of Grand Treasurer Jones and the thirtieth anniversary of the election of Grand Secretary

### Woodell.

These two officers of the Grand Lodge have served the Grand Lodge faithfully and ably and are deeply entrenched in the affections of the members of the order throughout the State.

### Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell.

The following are some points about the Grand Secretary.

Born in Chatham county August 15th, 1839.

Initiated into Seaton Gales Lodge No. 64, Raleigh, March 21, 1873.

Entered the Grand Lodge of North Carolina May, 1876.

Has not missed a session since entering.

Appointed Grand Guardian of the Sovereign Grand Lodge September 1878.

Elected Grand Master from the floor of the Grand Lodge May, 1882.

Elected Grand Representative for two years in 1873.

He has given his life and all he has to the upbuilding and growth of Odd Fellowship in the State. Upon his motion in the Grand Lodge in 1888, the first dollar was raised to build an orphanage in North Carolina.

Has instituted more than two hundred Lodges and lectured, including the conferring of degrees in subordinate lodges near 2,000 times.

### Grand Treasurer R. J. Jones.

The following is a brief sketch about Grand Treasurer Jones:

Born in New Hanover county, near Wilmington, Feb. 5, 1822.

Initiated into Cape Fear Lodge No. 2 at Wilmington, July 8, 1845.

Entered the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at Wilmington, May 8th, 1845.

Elected Grand Treasurer November 20, 1855.

Re-elected until 1861 when the Civil War prevented further meetings of the Grand Lodge until 1866.

Re-elected Grand Treasurer July 20, 1871.

Elected Grand Master May, 1876.

Elected Grand Treasurer May, 1877, and continuously ever since.

Elected Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for two years, still holding the office of Grand Treasurer, May, 1879.

The only person who ever held two elective offices at the same time, but he held the two for six years.

He has been an ardent advocate of Homes for the care of the aged and infirm, as well as the orphan children, and has been very liberal in his contributions to both. He was chairman of the committee that located for the old folks at Goldsboro.

### Triple Anniversary Celebration.

The Triple Anniversary has been the cause of a campaign for new members during the past month and while the returns from the subordinate lodges have not reached the Grand Secretary, it is understood that it has meant a host of acquisitions to the membership.

Grand Master W. F. Evans, of Greenville, will preside at the meeting. He is a prominent lawyer enjoying a wide practice. He is one of the monuments to the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro, which is the apple of the eye of Odd Fellows in North Carolina. He was one of the first inmates of the Home and his rapid rise and standing among men rejoices the heart of every Odd Fellow.

### Membership 15,809.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that the membership of the order in the State on December 31, last year, numbered 15,809. This shows a net loss for the year of 430.

Two lodges were instituted during the year. These were Rosman lodge No. 384, at Rosman, Transylvania county, and Perrytown lodge No. 385, at Perrytown, in Bertie county.

Lumberton and Burnsville lodges were re-organized.

Owing to the financial depression brought on by the European war, the Grand Secretary thinks that the order has made a good showing.

### MOVEMENT TO BUILD WHEAT MILL IN HENDERSONVILLE

Citizens of Hendersonville are busy-ing themselves in an effort to secure a wheat and corn mill for this city and county.

Mr. Wilford, who was recently in the city, when he addressed a number of business men with reference to the matter, is understood to have stated that he would erect a mill here provided the city will give him a site on the railroad, exempt the property from taxes for five years and raise \$500 to help finance the proposition.

Mr. Wilford is an experienced mill man, having built a number in Kentucky. He sees the need for an enterprise of this kind in Henderson county and is anxious to erect a mill provided local support is given.

The Democrat stands for progress.

### DR. J. S. BROWN EXPLAINS IMMUNIZING HEALTH CAMPAIGN

\$300 Appropriated to Fight Typhoid Fever in Henderson County; Free Treatment Offered.

The county commissioners have appropriated \$150, the county board of education \$100, and the city commissioners \$50 to help the State authorities finance the campaign soon to be made in Henderson county against typhoid fever.

The importance of this work and its purposes are outlined in the following statement which Dr. J. S. Brown has furnished upon request of the Democrat:

The more we learn about disease, the more of them we find to be necessary evils, nuisances which we should be able to avoid.

Typhoid fever is now well known to be one of these nuisances which we ought to eradicate and forever banish from the haunts of human beings. As a warring nation attacks an enemy by battleships, submarine, airship, automobiles and by many other methods, so we should miss no chance to annihilate this enemy of mankind by attacking it from every point of vantage.

It is not enough to guard our supplies of milk and water and food from contamination. It is not enough to eat the pestiferous fly. It is not enough to avoid eating or drinking after a typhoid carrier—some former victim who still carries the germ of typhoid fever in his person, though apparently perfectly well. It is not enough to install sanitary sewerage. All these count and count large; but we cannot afford to leave any stone unturned.

There is a new invention—a device to make us bomb-proof against the attacks of this enemy; so that if we should happen to be hit by its poison in milk or in water or in food or by flies or otherwise, the blow would be harmless, powerless.

This new invention is typhoid vaccine. Have it injected and yourself protected. The State has come to our rescue and offers to inject it free of charge.

The State knows that the ten or more deaths in Henderson county last year from typhoid fever represents a money loss of more than \$30,000.00. The State knows that the passage of more of other cases of typhoid fever in this county last year, not fatal, represent a further loss of more than \$20,000.00. The State and county know that if at a cost of a few hundred dollars, half this loss—say \$25,000.00—can be cancelled, a wonderful saving has been effected—a splendid bargain has been made, and this without taking into account the physical and mental suffering, and the heartaches that cannot be computed in cold cash.

The State, with the help of the county commissioners and the board of education and the city commissioners, offer free to every citizen of Henderson county this full course of prevention against typhoid fever.

Two men specially trained, will spend about six weeks in the county, beginning in June and making three rounds to every immunizing station. If you want to be safe against typhoid, meet them at your nearest station on every round. Further notice of time and location of stations will be duly announced in the local press.

J. S. BROWN,  
County Physician.

### WELL PAID POSITIONS ARE OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Washington, May 14.—The civil service commission announces that examinations will be held in June to secure eligibles for a number of high salaried positions in the government service.

On June 9 examinations will be held at Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Raleigh, Salisbury, Washington and Wilmington for the following positions:

Inspector of clothing (male) in quartermaster corps of the army, at New York, at \$960 per annum, with promotion to \$1,080.

Scientific assistant to fill vacancy as fishery expert, at \$1,200 per annum, on the steamer Albatross, bureau of fisheries, department of commerce.

Aid, qualified in chemistry (male), in bureau of standards, department of commerce, at entrance salaries ranging from \$600 to \$840.

Junior zoologist (male), \$1,400 annually, in bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture.

Junior pharmacologist (male), in bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, at salaries ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Examinations will also be held June 8 for the following positions. The applications will not be assembled for examination, but their papers will be rated chiefly on education, training and experience.

Examiner of accounts (male), position in division of valuation and in the division of carriers' accounts, interstate commerce commission, at salaries ranging from \$2,220 to \$3,000 annually.

Metallographist (male), at engineer experiment station, Naval academy, Annapolis, Md., at \$2,500 a year.

Assistant in commission house accounting (male), in office of markets and rural organization, department of agriculture, salary ranging from \$1,800 to \$2,400 annually.

Technologist in sugar beet seed investigation (male), in bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, salary \$1,800 a year.

Organic chemist (male), position in bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, at salaries ranging from \$1,800 to \$2,500 annually.

Examinations will be held June 15, for positions as senior animal husbandman, animal breeding (male), at salaries ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,500 a year, in bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture.

A number of teachers for the Philippine schools are needed, both male and female, and examinations will be held on August 18 and 19, at the cities mentioned above to secure eligibles for these positions, with salaries ranging from teachers at \$1,000 to assistant division superintendents at \$2,000.

### REMODELING HOME.

R. P. Freeze is having his home on Third avenue and Washington street remodeled in a number of respects and has had the building painted, adding to the attractiveness and convenience of his newly acquired property.

### PROF. BRIGGS WAS HERE.

Last week the Democrat was informed that Prof. G. C. Briggs, superintendent of the Hendersonville school, was a teacher at Judson college about 1880.

Prof. Briggs states that he was teacher here in 1886 and 1887.

### THE MESSRS. GRESHAM BUY THE KANUGA CLUB PROPERTY.

Club House Will be Thrown Open to  
Guests About June 15; Big Real  
Estate Deal; Open to Public.

The Kanuga club property, including



KANUGA LAKE ROAD.

### IMPROVING LAWN.

Solicitor Michael Schenck has placed a stone curbing around his lawn on Fourth avenue, greatly improving the appearance of same.

### STREET CARS RUNNING.

The Laurel Park Street Railway company is operating its cars on irregular schedule.

The cars ran last Friday on account of the county commencement and continued on Saturday and Sunday.

Owing to the Grand Lodge meeting the cars will run through the session of three days.

## First County Commencement Was a Success Last Friday

PARADE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ANNUAL ATHLETIC AND LITERARY EXERCISES RESULTED IN LARGEST GATHERING OF CHILDREN EVER KNOWN IN THE COUNTY; MANY PRIZE WINNERS.

The first annual Henderson county commencement, which was held in Hendersonville last Friday, was a complete success.

The event exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic. It was unanimously declared to be the most inspiring educational event ever held in the county.

The commencement represented hard and faithful work on the part of all the educational forces in the county and despite some handicaps and the fact that this was the first county-wide commencement ever held in Henderson county, it was a glowing success.

The movement for a county commencement was public, agitated for the first time last fall when after a representative from the Democrat secured favorable expressions from members of the county board of education concerning the movement and launched a publicity campaign in its behalf.

The Henderson County Teachers' association decided to make a commencement and since that time they have worked faithfully and persistently for the first event of this kind in the county and now they feel highly rewarded for their efforts.

In commenting on the success of the commencement, Supt. W. S. Shible of the county public schools said:

"The commencement was a big suc-

cess. I have heard a number of the most prominent people of the city comment favorably upon the success which attended the efforts of those working for the commencement. They are all of the opinion that it was one of the greatest educational events ever held in the county. It gives me pleasure to add that the teachers of the county stood faithfully up to the task before them and it is due to their efforts that the commencement measured fully up to our expectations. I must also add that Prof. W. H. Cale was an important factor in the movement, supporting and strengthening it in every way possible. I feel highly grateful to those who donated prizes and medals for the schools and individuals taking part in the commencement."

Prof. Cale, superintendent of the city schools, J. C. Sales, chairman of the county board of education, and Prof. J. W. Morgan, a member of the board, were all highly pleased with the commencement.

Since nearly all the public schools had been closed for some time it was difficult to arouse interest among the pupils, hence several schools were not

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### SAMPLE OF SOILS FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS.

To plan intelligently any system of fertilizer application, it is necessary to know something about the soil as well as the crop. Some of this information may be gained by making an analysis of the soil. To make laboratory examinations the most essential feature is a correct sample, if the sample does not represent the field under cultivation no matter how carefully the analysis are made, they are of little value.

The Division of Agronomy of the Experiment Station will be glad to make examinations of the soils for any one who will take the trouble to collect a fair sample from the field to be cultivated, and will advise the use of the fertilizers which have given the best results on this type of soil.

To take a representative sample it is necessary to observe the following directions. Do not take the sample at random from any points on the land, but consider what are the two or three chief varieties of soil which make up the cultivated area and carefully sample each separately. After selecting a proper spot, pull up the plants growing on it, and sweep off the surface with a broom or brush to remove half decayed vegetable matter not forming a part of the soil as yet. Dig or bore a hole like a post hole, and note at what depth a change in color occurs. A sample to that depth will constitute the soil. Always take the specimens from more than one spot judged to be a fair sample and mix thoroughly in a package or sack

and label properly for examinations. The depth to which the subsoil should be taken will depend on circumstances. It is always necessary to know what constitutes the foundation of a soil down to depth of several feet. In general it is sufficient to take this sample from the line showing the change in color down to a depth of three feet. These specimens should be taken in other respects precisely like those of the surface and properly labeled. It is of great importance that full description of the land be given, especially as to the location, position, lay, drainage conditions and yields in wet and dry seasons. Having done this, send by prepaid express to the Division of Agronomy, N. C. Experiment Station, West Raleigh, N. C.

### NEVER DYING WORDS.

London, May 12.—"There is one incident the world will remember in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania," said the Bishop of London today while presiding at a meeting of the Waifs and Strays society. When Alfred G. Vanderbilt was face to face with death he said to his valet: "Come and let us save the kiddies." Those words will run around the world in a way no millionaire's millions could ever do."

### LEASES HIGHLAND LAKE!

Mrs. Annie D. Martin of Asheville is understood to have leased the Highland Lake club for the coming summer.

factory and farming property, which he proposes to develop.

Kanuga was organized about seven years ago by prominent bankers and mill men of the South. Mr. Stephens, president of the American Trust company of Charlotte, has been the president and prime mover in the club and it was through his efforts that so much money has been spent in this development.

The Democrat stands for progress.

KANUGA LAKE CLUB HOUSE.